

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 29, 2005 ("*Office Action*"). Claims 1-20 were pending in the Application. The Examiner has allowed Claims 1-13 and rejected Claims 14-20. Applicants cancel Claims 14-20 to advance prosecution of this case. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-13. With the cancellation of Claims 14-20, all currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indications.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejects Claims 14 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,271,950 B1 to Hansen, et al. ("*Hansen*"). To advance prosecution of the presently allowed claims, Applicants cancel Claims 14-20, thus obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants cancel Claims 14-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in additional filings.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejects Claims 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hansen* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,525 A to Ono, et al. ("*Ono*"). Applicants cancel Claims 14-20, thus obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants cancel Claims 14-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in additional filings.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned Attorney for Applicants stand ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any extra fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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